

To: Adelphi Band Members
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Subject: **Adelphi Band at the 2017 Ross County Fair and 2017 Circleville Pumpkin Show**

There are now around 1,000 documents about the Adelphi Community Band that have been placed on the unofficial band web site for review.

<http://adelphiband.weebly.com/>

These documents include newspaper and magazine clippings, band newsletters, concert programs, and the incredibly detailed notes that Mr. Wamsley took about the band for over 30 years.

In addition to these documents, there are several hundred pictures of the band dating back to a picture attributed to be from 1890, ten years after the band started.

In reviewing these documents, I was recently reminded of the following:

1. Ross County Fair:

In 1994, the Ross County Fair recognized that 1994 would be the 50th year that the band had participated in the Ross County Fair, and that the band was only one of 12 organizations (*as of 1994*) who had been with the Ross County Fair since the beginning.

This means that 2017 will be the 73rd year that the band has participated in the Ross County Fair, since most of us can attest that the band has at least been scheduled to play at the fair for every year since 1994.

2. Circleville Pumpkin Show:

The Circleville Pumpkin Show web site in 2006 stated that 2006 would be the 81st year that the band has played at the Pumpkin Show

This means that 2017 will be the 92nd year that The Adelphi Community band has played at the Circleville Pumpkin Show, since most of us can attest that the band has been scheduled at the Pumpkin Show for every year since 2006.

I thought you might find this interesting.

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PUMPKIN SHOW 2006

Adelphi Community band 81 Years of Continuous Appearances at Pumpkin Show

Saturday, Oct. 21 • 7:00-7:30 p.m. • Pickaway Visitors Pavilion



The Adelphi Community Band started playing at the Circleville Pumpkin Show in 1925. This year will be 81st appearance of the Adelphi Band. They marched in the various parades and played concerts. For many years they played for the various "Free Acts" during the Pumpkin Show.

This included Aerial Trapeze Acts, High Dive into a Tank Act, Horizontal Bars and other acts. They played music to fit each act. The "Free Acts" were located in front of Court House, at West Main & Scioto Street and N. Court & High Street.

In recent years the Band has been in the Friday and Saturday night parades and play a concert on East Franklin Street on Saturday night.

The Adelphi Community Band was organized in 1880 to play in parades, festivals, homecomings, fish fries and concerts in various parks. The band members come from a 4-5 county area. Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall in Hallsville on many Monday nights. There has been 14 different Band Directors in this 126 year period of time. Mr. John Brown is the current Director and Mr. Glenn Hinton is the Band Manager.

The Adelphi Community Band makes about 25 appearances each year in Southeast Ohio Area...

stone was deteriorating so rapidly, said project manager Allen Ballew.

"It was discovered that water was seeping down from the roof line and going into the brick

able to paint masonry," Ballew said.

To remedy the signs of age in the structure, which was completed in 1857, workers from Midstate Contracting used

to a chemical paste removal process, which satisfied all disposal requirements. The entire project is scheduled for completion by mid-September.

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where they were vacationing.

Karla Cline responded to a hand squeeze Friday, but she remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit of Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Motes said. Mike Cline is in

wing of the same hospital.

Cline officially became superintendent Monday, replacing Dick Cline. Mike Cline, a brother-in-law, had been acting superintendent since June 24, Dick Cline's last day.

Adelphi Band tuning up for 50th fair

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Tonight, members of the Adelphi Band will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the band's first performance at the Ross County Fair.

The band is one of 12 organizations that have participated in the Ross County Fair every year since it began. Members of the groups have been invited to a barbecue sponsored by the fair board tonight.

But two of the Adelphi Band members reached another milestone this year — a 70th anniversary.

David Pontious and Herman Hinton, both 85, started playing in the band in 1924. Pontious was

50 years

A list of all 12 organizations that have participated in all 50 Ross County Fairs is part of a special look back at the fair's first 49 years — and a look ahead to the 50th — in today's special fair edition. **Inside**

following in the footsteps of his father, C.B. Pontious, who played with the Adelphi Band when it started in 1880.

The younger Pontious began playing bass with the band when he was 15 years old, and has been a member of the group ever since.

"I'd do anything to play in the band," Pontious said. "That was a good way to get out of the work."

Herman Hinton, Pontious' classmate, joined the band about the same time. He played trombone for about 65 years before becoming band director in 1989.

"It was just part of life, part of living," Hinton said. "I've always enjoyed it."

Playing in the Adelphi Band seems to have become a family affair for many members. Three of Hinton's four brothers played in the band before their deaths, and two sons are in the group.

Jarrad Mathew, an eighth-grader at Zane Trace, joined the band four years ago to play with

his father, Jeff. The younger Mathew used to sit on his father's lap during performances. When Jarrad Mathew learned to walk, he'd walk up to his father in the middle of a performance, Jeff Mathew said.

"He'd stick his face right in the bell and he'd laugh and laugh," Jeff Mathew said.

Jeff Mathew has played trumpet with the Adelphi Band for 28 years. He started in the seventh grade.

"We were raised a couple of miles from Adelphi, and I grew up pretty much watching them play," the elder Mathew said.

Both Mathews said they hope to play with the band as long as Pontious and Hinton have.



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Herman Hinton directs the Adelphi Band. He and bassist David Pontious have been with the band for 70 years.

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